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ADULTICIDING (Spraying) SCHEDULED Week of September 26 - 29, 2005

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis and Shelby County Health Department's Vector Control Section has detected high levels of Culex mosquito activity in Memphis and Shelby County. Health Department teams will begin adulticiding (spraying with EPA approved product) in portions of specific zip codes between **7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. Monday (September 26) through Thursday night (September 29)**, weather permitting.

Although the adulticiding or spray trucks will be helping to decrease the mosquito population, the battle against West Nile Virus in our community cannot be won through just the efforts of the Health Department. Everyone must do their part to eliminate possible mosquito breeding areas around their homes and/or businesses and use precautions against mosquito bites.

Spray trucks will be in portions of the following zip codes next week:

38103	38107	38114	38120
38104	38108	38117	38122
38105	38111	38118	38126
38106	38112	38119	38128

The Mid-South Fair attendees should protect themselves from mosquito bites by:

- using an insect repellent that contains DEET (the chemical N-N-diethyl-meta-toluamide), Picaridin (KBR 3023) or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus. Caution: Always apply insect repellents in accordance to manufacturer's instructions.
- wearing shoes, socks, long sleeve shirts and pants when outdoors during dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most prevalent.